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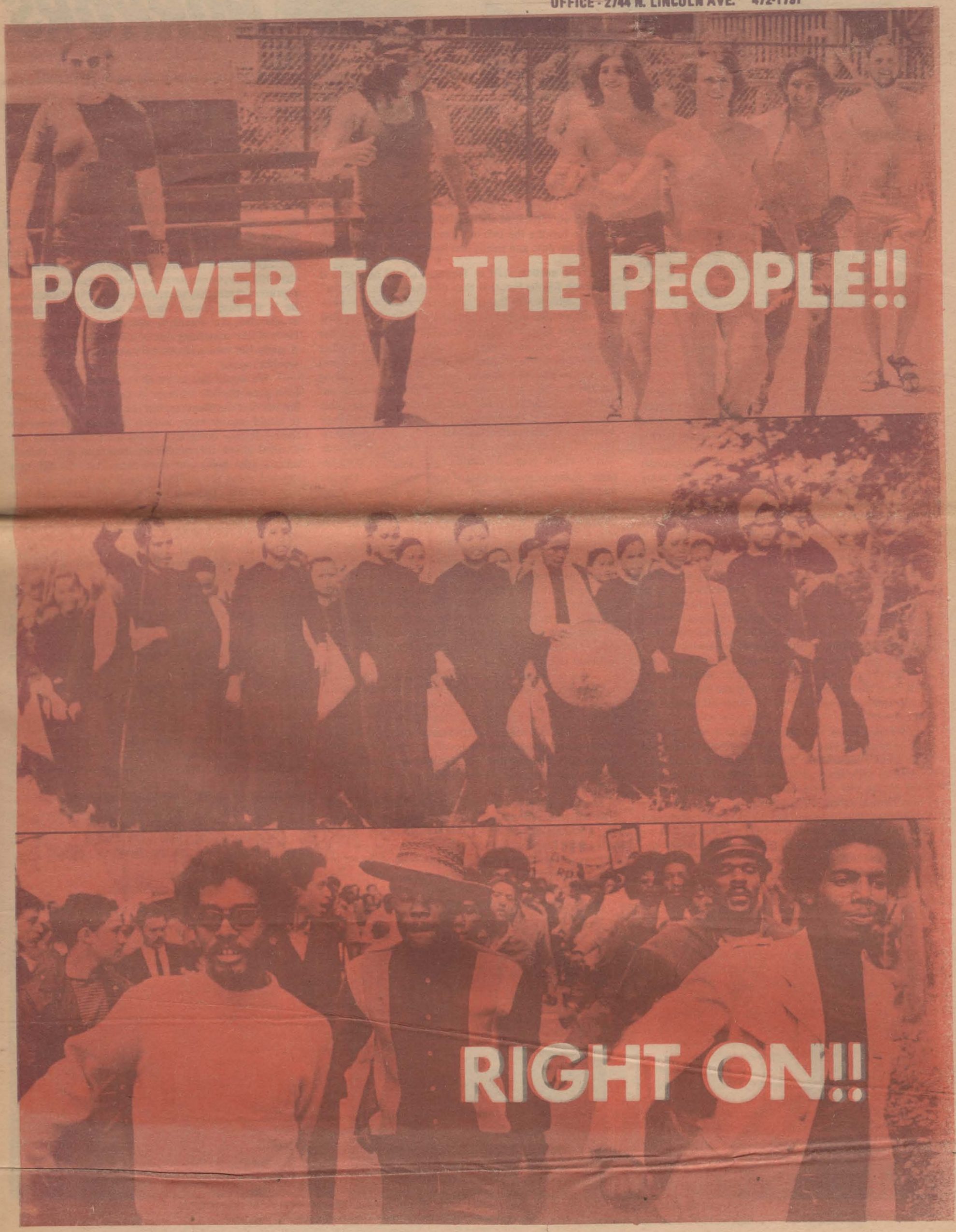

HOUSE OF HORRORS

FORMER INMATES RUN IT DOWN

We are former inmates of Sheridan Industrial maximum security school for boys. We've been watching, with a very special interest, the pig media's reports on the conditions and some of the atrocities committed there. They seem to have turned over some rocks but they fall short on exposing the "worms". We have a responsibility to our brothers still inside this fascist prison to let the people know what really goes on.

The pig media can never give a factual account for various reasons: 1) The inmates are always thought of as liars; newspapers say that inmates said something 'allegedly' happened. 2) The inmates are considered to be guilty, even though they haven't been tried. 3) The inmates are considered to be sub-human and are treated like, and are in fact, slaves of the Department of Corrections. 4) They go to get the 'true' story from Supt. Rowe (all 350 piggy pounds of him) and, of course, he lies his ass off when newspaper reporters come to check things out. (Rowe thinks he's so bad - I'd like to see him order a reporter's ass kicked for asking a wrong question or try to intimidate them like he does to the prisoners.)

Anybody who has been to Sheridan knows about inhuman conditions there. We were forced to do all the labor and for this back-breaking work we were paid a meager 5c an hour. When there is no work we are kept in our cells on the average of 14 hours a day - and if you show a little spirit you can spend 20 to 23½ hours. After spending all this time watching the cell walls coming in on you with nothing to do, not even a book to read, and constantly worrying that some guard or prison official is going to find some off-the-wall reason to mess with you, you can get to be a little hostile after a while.

The guards won't talk or listen to you mainly because they're so drunk that they can't. When they do speak, their true nature reveals itself in the form of racist remarks and low-down lies. You're better off not talking to them.

We also know that every once in a while people come to tour Sheridan to check out the conditions and Rowe sends a note to the guards to lock us up and they threaten us with 'the hole or shots' if we dare say a word to the people that have come to see the human animals in their natural habitat. Their cells.

We say that Sheridan was designed for torture and exploitation. In the winter our cells are freezing and we get sick all the time. And in the heat of summer the sweat off the walls forms wet spots on the floor. And we're not allowed to lay on the concrete floor where the cool air settles, so we have to sneak a chance to get down to breathe the two or three inches of cool air, and also all the dust and smells that have accumulated there.

The medical staff at Sheridan would be a joke if it weren't for the fact that they murder people. "Nurse" Belden, who is 400 lbs. of sadistic perverted scum, has a favorite weapon in dealing with any inmate. She is called in for the slightest sign of trouble and deals out her thorazine - her death drug that took the life of brother Anthony Melvin Jones (the only one that made the papers). We charge you with murder, Nurse Belden, for shooting up the brothers with thorazine and knocking them out for days - weeks at a time. And we hold you responsible for the flesh of the brothers that was burned off their bodies while handcuffed, unconcious, to hot pipes in their cells. Brothers can't eat or breathe because of the side effects of the drug. We couldn't stay awake or sleep because of the massive dosages of your 'specialty'. The inmates are so bad off because of thorazine shots that they have to crawl to the toilet and they are so drugged that they pass out and hit their heads on the cement floor only to be found hours later.

All of these atrocities are rubber stamped by Pig Smith, the chief doctor. When ever any inmate speaks up you personally, along with Belden and Rowe, intimidate the inmates into submission. You make the inmates afraid to ask for help. They would rather die than give you trouble by getting sick. You also give out shots of thorazine for everything from refusal to a rectal thermometer (the only kind used at Sheridan) to disrespect or just loud talking on the gallery.

All of these facts were uncovered and the courts were forced to open hearings on the conditions at Sheridan. What is the outcome of all this testimony? Judge White at Juvenile Court has ruled that there will be guidelines set for the use of tranquilizing drugs and solitary confinement as punishment for the 'boys'. What does this mean? It means that the result of these hearings is: nothing has changed. Nurse Belden is still the terror of She
of Sheridan and she still can give out massive doses of the drug whenever she feels like it. She never even made it to the witness stand - and she is a murderess.

Supt. Rowe will still go unpunished. Capt. Shockly still laughs at the court system (he refused to testify under oath). Dr. Smith still feels, as he always has, that the brothers in Sheridan are "the scum of the earth and should all be killed." That's the humanitarian doctor that is supposed to bring good health to the brothers.

During the hearings the pigs from Sheridan said that 300 inmates get to see a shrink once a week. The pigs in court said that was not adequate. But it's a blatant lie in the first place. We were under psychiatric care at Sheridan, that meant we saw a shrink once in a year. He was like something out of a 1930 Boris Karlov film. A seedy old mad scientist with a nicotine habit that just wouldn't quit.

We would like to list all the names of inmates that have gone through tortures at the hands of the insane fascists that run Sheridan, but the list would be too long. It would include every brother that has ever been sent there. It may be enough to list the four brothers who testified about the conditions there and have been in solitary (the hole) ever since June 21st, the day they testified about the murder of Anthony Melvin Jones by Nurse Belden. Carmen Tate, Robert Jackson and twin brothers by the name of Wilson. What is to become of them? They'll never get out - they'll probably be separated and sent to Menard, Pontiac or Statesville, as they do to all who speak out. Or, maybe they'll be killed in a so-called 'attempted escape'. There's no telling.

But, there is something to be told. Two years ago Sheridan had a turnout (race riot) every Friday night. Now, months go by without an incident. The inmates are getting it together and they won't let the guards and administrators, try as they do, stir up racial trouble between blacks, whites and latins. The pigs on the inside as well as the pigs on the outside have shown their contempt for the common people of every color, and the people are getting together with a common cause - Off the Pigs!

Sheridan is just one institution in the state of Illinois. This state and every state is full of prisons with the same sadistic conditions. What we have said is only a small part of it. Many brothers and sisters have come out very hurt and bitter and with only part of their human emotions left. We have found a way to put ourselves back together. We have joined the revolutionary struggle to free all oppressed people.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

JAIL THE JAILERS - FREE THE PEOPLE!

This is not Sheridan but the inhuman conditions are the same. In the summer temperatures in the cells reach as high as 150°. Men are cramped in tiny cages and sometimes let out only 1½ hours a day.

INDIAN LANDS STOLEN

On the morning of July 1st we went up to visit the Indians who had taken over the old Nike base at Belmont harbor. People from Angry had been there a number of times since the Indians seized the land on June 14. This time something was different; there were pigs all over the place. As we started to pull in on the road leading to the newly recaptured Indian land, a cop stopped us and asked where we were going. We told him and he told us that the Park Department workers had moved in that morning, to tear down the fence, and that "the Indians attacked them with rocks, bottles, baseball bats and molotovs." We said "RIGHT ON", and the pig got mad, mumbling something about "well if that's your bag ....." We turned around and said: "genocide against a whole people may be your bag; ours is revolution."

The Indians took over the abandoned Nike base when the apartment building they were living in burned down on W. Ainslie in Uptown, where housing is even scarcer than in most parts of the city. The Indians maintained their new camp for less than three weeks, but during that time their numbers grew to over 100. Indians from all over came to visit, to see their vanguard brothers and sisters. The public came for the dances, where music was provided by the Stone Savages and others, all Indian bands.

During the seizure, like during all the seizures of unused federal government lands that Indians have made during the past several years, the Indians dramatized their situation, their oppression and exploitation at the hands of Capitalism. They made demands about housing, education, jobs and more. And they heightened the consciousness and awareness, not only of their own people, but of all people.

The Indians sited a Souix treaty of 1868, laying claim to unused Federal Government land that the treaty says will revert back to the original owners, the American Indians. Here in Chicago, as has been true throughout the history of the country, treaties, agreements, promises, and more are never kept. The Federal Government tried to figure out how to deal with a "delicate situation", how to get the land back, push the Indians off here, like Indians throughout the country have been.

The Federal Government tried to pass the buck, saying they were only renting the land from local governments so they returned the land to the city and the decision was made—drive the Indians out.

The pigs showed up with the Park Department workers before sunrise and started to tear down the fence. They were met with resistance, from rocks and bottles and molotov cocktails, to Carol Warrington's shotgun at the gate. A number of pigs and park department people were injured; reinforcements were called. Twelve Indians were captured and remain in jail, needing $3500 to walk.

The rest of the Indians from the site marched 4 miles to a wealthy Presbyterian church at Chestnut and Michigan. One of the members of the church, Edward Logelin, also a vice president of U.S. Steel, had been the go-between between Mike Chosa of the Indians, and the government office. The news played up that the Indians were now taking refuge in the church, but two days later they were forced out, under threats of new busts for trespassing, if they didn't move on. The church claimed that the Indians had been offered better housing and refused. The better housing they offered was in Cabrini Green, where, as Chosa pointed out, "our brothers and sisters in the black community are trying to get out of".

The Indians have returned to Uptown, this time to a storefront on Wilson Ave. Once again this decadent, inhuman, capitalist system has failed to do justice, to rectify even in the smallest token way, the pain, the misery, suffering and oppression it has forced on the people of the world in general, and in this case, the American Indian in particular. Many among us will learn from this; others will remain blind. But the Indians, and all other people who identify and participate in the revolutionary struggle, grow stronger. The Indians, all of us, have allies everywhere on this earth. The beat of the people grows stronger; the power of the people is beginning to show.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
A BLADE TO THE THROAT OF THE OPPRESSOR

WAR IN CAIRO

On June 19th, five people from Angry went to Cairo, Illinois, for the Solidarity with Cairo Day. Normally, it's about an 8 hour trip on a bus, but this one took much longer because the pigs continually stopped us to search the busses and harrass the drivers. They gave the bus drivers tickets for the same offense each time they stopped us on the highway. Finally, after all of this, the pigs asked the driver of the bus in front of us if he had registration for the bus with him. When the driver didn't have it, the pigs impounded the bus. Right in the middle of the highway! Then, when the passengers (they were all black) were walking away from the bus to get on our bus, the pigs busted 3 people for "walking on the highway"!

Everytime the pigs stopped us they would tell the bus drivers all these lies about what was happening in Cairo—saying that the blacks were shooting whites and burning churches. They made it clear that they didn't want us to make it to the rally.

By the time we got to Cairo we were too late for the speeches. We did march all through the black community showing our solidarity with their struggle for survival, and then we marched into downtown Cairo where all the stores are that are being boycotted, shouting OFF THE PIGS and POWER TO THE PEOPLE. This freaked out a lot of the racists and all of the pigs!

The black people in Cairo are really together because they have to be. Last year, out of 365 days, on at least 180 of them, the pigs shot into Pyramid Court, the main black housing project. The people in the black community have responded by refusing to be intimidated. They have armed themselves in self-defense, and started a boycott of all the white stores, saying they won't buy there until the pig harrassment is stopped, and until there is equal prices, opportunity for employment and decent housing.

These honest demands have been met by pig reprisals—illegal searches of people's homes, mass arrests, and night after night of shooting into the projects, making it unsafe for people anywhere.

The United Front of Cairo, the organization of the people, petitioned the governor to investigate the situation. So Ogilivie, finally at the end of June, sent Paul Wisner, one of his top aides, down there. All Wisner did was preach to the black people (the ones who are being attacked) that they had to respect law and order, and be patient. The United Front requested in the letter to the governor for not only his personal investigation, but that he directly intervene in the racist "law enforcement" in Cairo. And they want a federal grand jury to deal with the white Citizens Council that is governing the black community with violence. All they got was some more preachings from Wisner, who offered no solutions to any of the problems.

Cairo is a town where the largest part of the population is extremely poor, both whites and blacks. Then there is a small portion of whites who have control of the pigs and all of the economy—businesses, stores, schools, factories. The poor whites in Cairo are in a situation where they don't like the policies and actions of these racist pigs but every time anyone tries to support the black community they have been brutally dealt with by the racists who most of all want no solidarity between the poor white and black communities.

But to an extent the pigs aren't getting what they want. While the sympathetic whites in Cairo are afraid to do anything, people in surrounding towns are more open. We stopped in a small town near Cairo. The people came out and showed their interest in our support for the struggle in Cairo. They asked if they could take our pictures and a few older white women gave us the fist. We explained what the United Front is trying to do and when we left a few people said ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

The United Front of Cairo is going to continue the struggle. They express solidarity with the large portion of poor whites in Cairo. They know that it is a class struggle—that their enemies—the pigs and capitalists—are also the enemies of the whites. The black community wants an end to the violence, but they want the pigs to end their violence—to stop attacking their homes and their families.

People who want to support the struggle in Cairo with clothes, food, etc., can contact the United Front, P.O. Box 544, Cairo 62914.

OFF THE RACIST PIGS!!

SUPER STAR COMIN' HOME

interview with John Lennon

T.A.: Your latest record and your recent public statements, especially the interviews in Rolling Stone magazine, suggest that your views are becoming increasingly radical and political. When did this start to happen?
John: I've always been politically minded, you know, and against the status quo. It's pretty basic when you're brought up, like I was, to hate and fear the police as a natural enemy and to despise the army as something that takes everybody away and leaves them dead somewhere. I mean, it's just a basic working-class thing. In my case I've never not been political, though religion tended to overshadow it in my acid days; that would be around '65 or '66. And that religion was directly the result of all that superstar shit--religion was an outlet for my repression. I thought, 'Well, there's something else to life, isn't there? This isn't it, surely?'

But I was always political in a way, you know. I've been satirizing the system since my childhood. I used to write magazines in school and hand them around. I was very conscious of class, they would say, with a chip on my shoulder, because I knew what happened to me and I knew about the class repression coming down on us--it was a fucking fact but in the hurricane Beatle world it got left out--I got farther away from reality for a time.

T.A.: When did you start breaking out of the role imposed on you as a Beatle?
John: Even during the Beatle heyday I tried to go against it; so did George. We went to America a few times and Epstein always tried to waffle on at us about saying nothing about Vietnam. So there came a time when George and I said, 'Listen, when they ask next time, we're going to say we don't like that war and we think they should get right out.' That's what we did. At that time this was a pretty radical thing to do, especially for the 'Fab Four'.

It was the first opportunity I personally took to wave the flag a bit. But you've got to remember that I'd always felt repressed. We were all so pressurized that there was hardly any chance of expressing ourselves, especially working at that rate, touring continually and always kept in a cocoon of myths and dreams. It's pretty hard when you are Caesar and everyone is saying how wonderful you are and they are giving you all the goodies and the girls, it's pretty hard to break out of that, to say, 'Well, I don't want to be king, I want to be real'.

So in its way the second political thing I did was to say, 'The Beatles are bigger than Jesus.' That really broke the scene. I nearly got shot in America for that. It was a big trauma for all the kids that were following us. Up to then there was this unspoken policy of not answering delicate questions, though I always read the papers, you know, the political bits. The continual awareness of what was going on made me feel ashamed I wasn't saying anything. I burst out because I could no longer play that game any more, it was just too much for me. Of course, going to America increased the build-up on me, especially as the was was going on there. In a way we'd turned out to be a Trojan Horse. The Fab Four moved to the top and sang about drugs and sex and then I got into more and more heavy stuff and that's when they started dropping us.

T.A.: In a way you were even thinking about politics when you seemed to be knocking revolution?
John: Ah, sure, 'Revolution.' There were two versions of that song but the underground left only picked up on the one that said 'Count me out.' The original version which ends up the LP said 'Count me in,' too; I put both in because I wasn't sure. There was a third version that was just abstract, 'musique concrete', kind of loops and that, people screaming. I thought I was painting in sound a picture of revolution--but I made a mistake, you know. The mistake was that it was anti-revolution. But the way I felt was--I was really asking a question. As someone from the working class I was always interested in Russia and China and everything that related to the working class, even though I was playing the capitalist game. At one time I was so much involved in the religious bullshit that I used to go around calling myself a Christian Communist, but a s Janov says, religion is legalized madness.

T.A.: But, at the same time, you had success beyond most people's wildest dreams.
John: Oh, Jesus Christ, it was a complete oppression. I mean, we had to go through humiliation upon humiliation with the middle classes and showbiz and Lord Mayors and all that. They were so consexcending and stupid Everybody trying to use us. It was a special humiliation for me because I could never keep my mouth shut and I'd always have to be drunk or pilled to counteract pressure. It was hell....

Yoko: It was depriving him of any real experience, you know...

John: It was very miserable. I mean, apart from the first flush of making it--the thrill of the first No. I record, the first trip to America. At first we had sort of an objec tive like being as big as Elvis--moving forward was the great thing, but actually attaining it was the big letdown. I found I was having continually to please the sort of people I'd always hated when I was a child. This began to bring me back to reality. I began to realize that we are all oppressed, which is why I would like to do something about it, though I'm not sure where my place is.

The following section of the interview is a lengthy explanation of what John Lennon thinks needs to be done. Because of limited space, we will summarize what he lays out. Basically, he feels that his task and the task of all revolutionaries is to spread revolutionary ideas among the people especially to young workers. He focuses on the need to reach young workers because he believes that the working class is strategically important in seizing power and winning the revolution (both in England and the United States). He stresses young workers because he feels that when you are young, "you're most idealistic and have least fear."

...So the only thing is to talk to them directly, especially the young workers. We've got to start with them because they know they're up against it. That's why I talk about school on the album. I'd like to incite people to break the framework, to be disobedient in school, to stick their tongues out, to insult authority.

John: I think it wouldn't take much to get the youth here (England) really going. You 'd have to give them free rein to attack the local councils or to destroy the school authorities, like the students who break up the repression in the universities. It's already happening, though people have got to get together more. And the women are very important too, we can't have a revolution that doesn't involve and liberate women. It's so subtle the way you're taught male superiority. It took me quite a long time to realize that my maleness was cutting off certain areas for Yoko. It's ridiculous to talk about 'Power to the people' unless you realize the people is both sexes.

Yoko: You can't love someone unless you are in an equal position with them. A lot of women have to cling to men out of fear or insecurity, and that's not love--basically that's why women hate men...

John:...and vice versa....

Yoko: So if you have a slave around the house, how can you expect to make a revolution outside it?
T.A.: How do you think we can destroy the capitalist system here in Britain, John?
John: I think only by making the workers aware of the really unhappy position they are in, breaking the dream they are surrounded by. They think they are in a wonderful free-speaking country;they've got cars and tellies and they don't want to think there's anything more to life; they are prepared to let the bosses run them, to see their children fucked up in school. They're dreaming someone else's dream, it's not even their own. They should realize that the blacks and the Irish are being harassed and repressed and that they will be next. As soon as they start being aware of all that, we can really begin to do something. The workers can start to take over. Like Marx said, 'To each according to his need'---- I think that would work well here.

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"What I'm trying to do is influence all the people I can influence. All those who are still under the dream and just put a big question mark in their mind. The acid dream is over, that is what I'm trying to tell them." **John Lennon**

STONE GREASE GRAPEVINE

P.B.C. Vanguard CORNER... music to the people & more

As was reported in the last issue of Angry, the oppression has increased in the neighborhood. From information gathered, it has been learned that Pig Mayor Daley has issued an order to clean up the P.B.C. In other words, to eliminate the brothers and sisters from the hood. The prime instigator of the entire plot is Jim Gavin with his connections in city hall and his probable payoffs to neighborhood pigs.

After a confrontation with Gavin's punks (guys who drink in his tavern) in which the brothers and sisters defended their right to gather on the corner, the pigs made many bullshit arrests. These arrests were so bogus that they were all dropped in court.

The one pig who had sort of a reputation for being fair, has now turned into the biggest fascist punk of all. This pig, John Hoeger, hides behind a tin badge and a .38 special and releases his visciousness against the people - proving once again that: a pig is a pig is a pig. And death to them all.

The spirit of serving the people was well applied when a fire broke out in the neighborhood. One brother helped save some children from a house that was in danger of catching on fire. Other brothers helped the understaffed fire department to control the blaze that completely destroyed three houses. There were no injuries but without the brothers' help the fire might have destroyed more houses.

The brothers and sisters from P.B.C. got together last Sunday and liberated Burley schoolyard for a little rock concert. Since the pigs won't let us have any other place. The neighborhood band, "Taxi", kicked out the jams and everyone had a great time. In the spirit of intercommunalism, P.B.C. is going to have another get together in Burley schoolyard located at Paulina And Barry. Tentative bands are Taxi, Flight and Pelican. The date is Sunday, July 11th, but due to many hassles involved (weather, pigs, etc.) call RUA at 472-1791 to confirm the time and date.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM ALL NEIGHBORHOODS ARE WELCOME!

FREE RONNIE

A brother from Rising Up Angry, Ronnie Bronski, is currently being held in Joliet prison for investigative detention. He has not formally been charged with anything but has been in jail for 6 weeks. FREE RONNIE!!

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GANG FIGHT pvp killed

It was with great sadness that Rising Up Angry learned of the death of brother Peter Smolak on Friday July 2, 1971. Pete, 16, Peter Senkow,15, and Dwight Copeland, 16, were shot during a gang feud between the Latin Kings–Haddon Boys and the PVPs (Playboys, Ventures and Pulaski Park.)

Fighting has been going on between the Kings and the PVPs for years. Both gangs are made up of members who are poor, whose families live in the same oppressed community. where there is a shortage of housing, jobs, decent schools and much much more.-

This was not the first time that members shot at, wounded and killed someone from the other gang. Members from both gangs have done it, encouraged by the decaying conditions of a decadent capitalist system, misguided in directing the frustration and anger that is in us all.

The time has come for the brothers and sisters in all neighborhoods to understand the source and foundation of the issues that bring our people into conflict with each other. It is not this gang or that, this woof or that, but the gangsters in blue, and the super pig businessmen and politicians they work for who create the conditions that lead the people into divisions among themselves.

Peter Smolak, your death will be avenged as more and more of your brothers and sisters everywhere, no matter what their race or nationality, learn to love the people and fight the real enemy. The baddest brothers and sisters are those who do the best at Serving the People and Stopping the Pig.

POWER TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO LOVE THE PEOPLE AND FIGHT THE REAL ENEMY!

All Power to the Sisters & Brothers Who

COMING TOGETHER

LOGAN SQUARE EAGLE

On sunday evening, June 20th, at about 7:30, many sisters and brothers were gathered in Logan Square, by the eagle monument. It was like other nights since warm weather came. People were there, rapping about things we all need to rap about, checking out new ideas, going through things together, and digging getting high together. But on this particular night we were attacked by the sneaking, lurking, uptight pigs of the 14th district. We first spotted the pig cars over by Eddie's Ribs, a resturant frequented by some of Chicago's finest fascists. It is not uncommon to see pig cars in the area, since they drive by going and coming from the station pretty frequently. But this night they attacked us, 4 squads and 2 detectives. They came up on the grass, busting 7 brothers, including one who had only been there less than 5 minutes. There were plenty of sisters present, but they only busted brothers—its still to the people's advantage that the pigs don't understand that sisters are just as revolutionary, just as much a threat to the pigs, as the brothers. They got everyone on disorderly, alledgedly for drinking, and busted one brother on some pills they claimed they found by the garbage can.

The Logan Square bust, carried out in hopes of scaring us into not getting together, did not accomplish its purpose. They used to bust us in the school yards, on the corners, and now the parks and the statue. But each day more and more people come out and come together. If they continue harassing us we'll call a revolutionary festival in Logan Square, inviting the entire city and a thousand bands, to last forever.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE, RIGHT ON!!!

Pigs Disrupt Peoples Peace

COZY PARK

Pigs, messing up people's peaceful scenes, is not uncommon to the brothers and sisters at Cozy Park, out by Diversey and Pulaski. Over the last couple of years, as our scene has come together, we've been bothered regularly, and we've done our share of fighting back. This year is no exception. 14th dist. pig Kosmya came by on June 15th and busted 5 of our people for drinking beer. Several of the brothers were well over the so-called legal age, so the pig started mouthing off about getting them on contributing. The next day his partner (Prokuski) came by on his regular "mini-search and harass" mission and started telling people to pick up litter. We make a regular practise of picking up our area of the park, but we weren't about to do it for the ex-crotch regimented Prokuski whose greatest joy in life is clicking his heels. We refused. He mumbled some stuff about getting out of the park, or busting us on some so-called "undesireable statute." In our Park no less. He went on to blabber about not wanting to see us in one spot for any more than 15 seconds. They got two brothers in a squad over by the field house and they threatened to beat them, but, needless to say, we're still here, everyday, and all of their threats will not deter our growing collective spirit.

FREE AMBULANCE

SERVING THE PEOPLE IN WINSTON—SALEM

The Black Panther Party of Winston—Salem, North Carolina, has started a People's Free Ambulance Service. This became a necessity because the government took over the ambulance service of Winston—Salem and immediately started charging $20 for ambulance service. If poor people (mostly black) do not have the money, and if the attendants do not feel that the patient is in enough pain or dying, they don't pick them up.

The Panther Party service is free, and you can be sure they'll show up if you're in need. The Panthers need donations for their ambulance service, to keep it running. Send them to People's Free Ambulance Service, P. O. Box 2019, Winston—Salem, N.C.

SURVIVAL THROUGH SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE!

Got to do Something Soon

ALBANY PARK

Last week some of the people from the neighborhood were together at Jensen Park. After a while the pigs from 17th dist. came and busted 14 people on disorderly charges. This one plainclothes pig, by the name of Mitchell, has been hasseling a lot of the people in the neighborhood. One night he busted this one brother, Vick, threw him into the car, and kicked the shit out of him.

REPRESSION BREEDS RESISTANCE!!!

Constant Threat

KELVYN PARK

Across the street from Kelvyn Pk. High School is Kelvyn Park. At night sisters and brothers from around the area get together in the park and a nice scene has been developing. Some of the people there made it to Washington along with thousands of others from around the country, for the May Day demonstrations against the Nixon regime's racist imperialist war in Indochina.

Not too long ago, on one of those hot Chicago nights, a group of people were sleeping in the park, on the grass, under the trees. In what has become a policy of general harassment of sisters and brothers hanging anywhere, the fascist pigs of the 14th district (Shakesphere) descended on the park, rousing the sleeping people and busting them for disorderly. People were cut loose in court, but the constant survalence by the pigs has not ceased. They continue to circle the park nightly, stopping regularly to call someone over to the car for friendly conversation, seeking information. This is part of a pattern to threaten revolutionary young people everywhere. While some sisters and brothers are at first intimidated and scared off by these subtle threats, most of us realize that we will have to endure the petty bullshit of the pigs as we continue to come together and develop our local revolutionary gatherings. The Beat of the People gets Stronger. The Power of the People is Beginning to Show.

FREEDOM HILL ROUND # 1

FOREST PRESERVE/SCHILLER PARK

At the Forest Preserve, better known by the pigs as Hill No. 101, and even better known by us as Freedom Hill, alot of stuff has been coming down. At times there are 200-300 freaks hanging out there. Everybody has been into it, getting high, being in the woods, and sometimes people bring food in and people are cool about sharing it. But as always, when something gets together, the pigs get uptight and use any excuse to vamp.

At the forest preserve, the Chicago Vice Squad (especially fascist Shriner) are always looking for someone to get for a bogus dope bust. And the Schiller Park pigs keep themselves busy hasseling people about closing hours at the preserve. Lately they haven't even stuck to their own bogus rule about closing at 11; they just keep coming in earlier and earlier, hasseling us until we split.

Needless to say, there is just so much of this hassel that you can take. Especially since our scene isn't messing over anyone else and there's no other place for all of us to get together. One night when the pigs started their usual routine, they were greeted with "Off the Pigs" and refusals to move. As you can imagine, the pigs didn't relate to this real well and freaked. They grabbed two brothers and clubbed them so bad that one had his head cracked open and both were bleeding badly. Everyone started throwing whatever they had——bottles, rocks, anything. Soon after this started, the place was flooded with pigs—— Schiller Park pigs, Chicago vice pigs, etc. Because there were so many pigs, people scattered. Two brothers tried to regroup everyone, but too much time had lapsed and everyone was too far apart.

But at Freedom Hill, this was just round one. And each time the pigs hassel us we get more hip about how to move and how to stick together. Little do they know that we've just begun to move.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Love the People & Fight the Real Enemy!

TOWARD SOLIDARITY

103rd St. Beach

A few weeks ago, the pigs were at the beach busting people for drinking and the usual bullshit reasons. There were two Black brothers there, rapping to two of their white brothers when some white reactionaries started hasseling the Blacks. As the odds were very uneven, many white people jumped in to help the Blacks out. A small riot broke out. As soon as the racists started pushing the Blacks around, of course, the pigs left. But, they came back later to arrest many of the people there.

103rd St. Beach has a long history of such incidents, but things are changing. White people are starting to move when they see their brothers and sisters pushed around, no matter what race or color they are. And the tactics of the pigs are becoming clearer to the people every day.

ALL POWER TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO DO NOT SIT PASSIVELY BY WHILE THE PEOPLE ARE STILL OPPRESSED!

Racists Fire Bomb

HARPER AREA (Southwest Side)

Another house was broken into and fire-bombed this week at 70th and Hermitage because rumors had it that some one was going to sell to Blacks. It seems that some of the people in the neighborhood saw some Black people just looking at the house but this was enough justification for them to destroy the whole house with everything the people owned in it. Bombing and trashing homes of Black people, or in this case someone who might sell to Black people, is getting to be a regular event on the south west side. It also strikes me very funny that this is where the holy Rev. Father Lawlor does some of his most intense work. Could there be a connection? There is still a lot of racism and gang banging going on in that area, but there's also a lot of people getting hip to what's going on. Pretty soon everyone will be hip to what's happening. Then chumps like Father Lawlor and the 7th district pigs will be getting firebombed.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

More Factory Deaths

CAPITALISM KILLS WORKERS IN WAUKEGAN

Capitalism, a system based on the exploitation of the many by the few, robs those of us who work in the factories of our labor. We work like dogs day in and day out and we get paid barely enough to keep alive, while the owners, the capitalists, sit back on their asses collecting all the profits made off of our labor. And most capitalists are so cheap they won't even provide decent safety facilities in their plants—that's why thousands of men and women die every year of industrial accidents.

In Waukegan, Ill., there's a company that makes roofing materials, fire proofed insulation, pipe and brake linings out of asbestos! The name of the company is Johns-Manvilles. Last March two long time workers, Emery Ladiwig and Arthur Sparks, at Johns-Manvilles died of asbestosis a lung disease caused by inhaling asbestos fibers, and complicated by a rare form of cancer linked to asbestos. Out of the 1300 workers presently employed there, over 30 are known to have the respiratory disease.

When the company was told of these deaths, Matthew Swetonic, the public affairs manager replied, "There's already a health and safety committee at Waukegan." And the union, International Chemical Workers Local 60, is raising the complaint, but as usual hasn't taken any action to guarantee the safety of its members.

This example from Waukegan is just one of hundreds in the Chicago area. Until the workers at Johns-Manvilles and factories all over this country decide that it's time for them to take action. To move as a body of workers demanding better conditions in the plants and in the community. The existing unions have proved ineffective in demanding any real changes from the capitalists. Now it's time for a new movement among workers - a revoluionary movement - to start struggling and we won't stop until there are no more capitalists.

WIPE OUT ALL OPPRESSORS AND UNITE ALL THE PEOPLE!

people thing!

GETTING STRONGER

HAMLIN PARK

The 19th district—Town Hall—pigs have been vamping on sisters and brothers at Hamlin Park a lot recently. I guess the pigs realize that now that summer is here and lots of people are getting together in the park, rapping and getting high with each other, that these brothers and sisters will come to the conclusion that this country is in such bad shape that it needs a revolution. And pigs are scared of people getting revolutionary ideas so they try to keep us from getting together. These pigs look for any reason to bust and harrass us.

For instance, last week the pigs were going to bust this brother for possession of dope. The pigs claimed that the brother, Ray, had swallowed some dope—since they couldn't find any on him. So they started choking him and they put their fingers down his throat trying to get him to throw up. When this didn't work the pigs started beating Ray. Finally, they cracked him for disorderly.

Then a few nights later, on a Saturday night, pig Aguado and some of his low-lifed cronies came up to the park a little before 11—the park's closing time. These pigs took everyone's IDs and held on to them until after 11. Then they busted 14 brothers and 2 sisters for curfew—when they were the ones who had kept us there past 11. And then these dogs told us that from now on everyone would have to be out of the park by 9 p.m.

What these pigs don't understand is that they can't scare us out of the park. And they can't scare us into being like them. We'll be in the park and will be together.

FREE THE PARKS!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Murder in Arkansas

On May 31, a black brother by the name of Clarence took his family and his brother on a picnic for Memorial Day. On the way back, he was pulled over for speeding. He was taken to the station and went there and talked to the pigs and came out and told his wife he needed $25 for bond, so she gave it to him. About 15 minutes later an ambulance pulled up. Clarence's wife, not understanding the true nature of pigs, thought that someone got sick. Ten minutes later an officer of the law came up to her and told her her husband had an accident and was dead.

Clarence asked the question WHY to the police, who don't relate to anyone but them asking questions so they pistol whipped Clarence and the gun went off accidentally. All of this happened in Arkansas, but it ain't like it couldn't or doesn't happen here. Brother Clarence left 9 children and a wife.

DEFEND YOURSELF BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY!

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One day you're rapping with your sisters and brothers on the corner, trying to figure out what this world is all about and the next day you're smack in the middle of the war that is what this world is all about. The war in Indochina, the people's war, is the people saying, "Let us decide how we'll live and build our society." And the American government saying, "We will tell you how to live, and if you don't do what we say, we'll blast you off the face of the earth."

Most G.I.'s are finding it impossible to deal with the contradiction of being sent there to fight for pig America and seeing that the Vietnamese people are right. A lot of brothers are seeking release thru heavy drugs. The following is an interview with a brother from the North side of Chicago who just got back from Nam.

Angry: Maybe you could start by saying how long you were in Nam and where you were stationed.

Joe: Oh, wow, I was all over Nam for 8 months.

Angry: When did you first start using smack?

Joe: When I first got there.

Angry: Right away?

Joe: Well, I started smokin' the grass and you really halucinate on the grass over there, and that's a drag when you're fightin' a war. It's no good cause maybe you see 20 people comin' at you and it might be 1. So I quit smokin' so much grass and I started snortin'. But the stuff is so pure that your nose gets all festered up and sore so I started shootin' cause it just seemed...I don't know, it's no good watchin people die all the time–ya know? – gettin blown up and all.

Angry: It's alright to fight when you're on smack?

Joe: Sure - after a while you can fight even on grass. They don't smoke it like they do here, a nickel bag and you're thru. You sit down over there with a big helmet. full and roll these big cigars. You can get about 10 for $1 - trus - after a while you can do anything on it.

Angry: Why do you think a lot of guys were into it?

Joe: When you're on skag you don't worry about nothin. You don't worry about the war - you don't worry bout your family - you don't worry bout your girl waitin' for you - all you think about is your smack. The idea I had was I was either gonna get shot and die or overdose and die. I just didn't care about nothin'.

Angry: Did you ever think what life would be like when you came back?

Joe: I was going to stay over there. Yeah! I could have been home a long time ago - I guess about 30 days ago - It was time for me to come home and I went out to the village and stayed there for awhile. I was going to stay there instead of comin home.

Angry: Do a lot of guys do that?

Joe: There's a lot of civilians over there that came home and went back.

Angry: What do they do when they go back?

Joe: They're strung out. And some guys get an extension. They don't come back to the states at all, they just keep gettin extensions. I knew one guy that had been there for 60 months straight. But I had the biggest habit I'd ever seen. I was on 9 viles a day, but I abused it. I didn't just use it to get high I kept wantin more and more and more. You buy a vile about 2 inches high and about an inch in diameter for about $5.00 - from a G.I. If you go to a village you pay $2.00. So, you see, you don't get paid very much in the army so I'd go to the village and I'd buy 100 for $200 and I'd come back and sell it for $500. That's how most of the guys keep their habits up. I'd say about 7 out of 10 were strung out - in my company at least.

Angry: What about the officers?
Joe: A lot of lifers are strung out. I used to cop for an E7 sargent.

Angry: Didn't all this affect you physically?
Joe: Yeah right, a third of my liver is gone, they told me today, and I have real high blood pressure all the time now, and I lost 50 pounds.

Angry: The smack did that?

Joe: I don't know about smack, but the downers did.

Angry: Were you on downers too?
Joe: Yeah, they have a downer over there - well see, tuinals are about the best thing around in the neighborhood, 3 grams – well they have a downer over there that's 10 grams.

Angry: Where did you get it?

Joe: From the Vietnamese. You can go anywhere, to almost anyone, in the villages, everywhere and get dope. Anywhere. They don't have anything over there so they have to make money some how, you know, so they sell dope or the black market. But, the Vietnamese people are alright, they try to tell you when you buy the skag– this is no good for you – they say why don't you buy grass, grass is No. 1. A lot of them try to get you not to buy the skag, some of them, and some of them don't, it's just like it is here. But I found most of them would rather sell grass.

Angry: How did most of the guys and you feel about the war? What did you think the reason is for G.I.'s being there?

Joe: Somebody's gettin rich, you know, the political people are making money off of it – some Vietnamese are making money off of it – like, look –just like the drugs. They're burning up all the grass over there now, and they're not doing nothing about the skag – so the G.I.'s got nothin left but the skag. Just like the syndicate is takin all the psychedelics and grass off the streets and pushin skag here, same thing there. The people think Nixon's burning up the grass - out of sight - but he's leavin the skag behind. G.I.'s would rather smoke grass than shoot smack – one thing is that skag is more expensive.

Angry: Did any of the guys that got into stuff feel like dope wasn't the only way to deal with it? A lot of G.I.'s have been coming home and sending back their medals and joining anti-war demonstrations. I was wondering why a guy would get into skag instead of figuring out some way to ...

Joe: Fight back!

Angry: Yeah!

Joe: Because as soon as you fight back they put you in jail. A lot of people fought back. I tried to get something goin' and I got put in jail. A lot of the brothers fought back and they got put in jail.

Angry: What kinds of things did you get going?

Joe: Well, the best thing that I did was when they were going to move us into Laos. They had the whole company out there in formation and they said they were going to move us out to Laos in a week – and I walked out in front and I told them I wasn't goin'. Everybody followed me. Everybody! Even the little sleezy guys – the junior lifers we call them, ya know, the guys that are gonna be lifers – even they didn't want to go. So we didn't go.

Angry: So what happened to you then?

Joe: They were going to give me an article 15 but I wouldn't sign it. That's a fine, you know, they tried to take money away from me. But I wouldn't sign and I told them I wanted a lawyer. When you do that they get kinda scared. (They let him go because he was going to make a big thing out of his defense and it would have hurt morale more than it was worth – but Joe says when you demand a lawyer in the service most of the time they won't let you get one anyway.)
Angry: Did you hear about a lot of G.I.'s resisting and did it too?

Joe: No I was just afraid to go to Laos. You don't hear about half of the G.I.'s that get killed over there. We lost a whole company in one day - that's about 260 - 280 men – I wrote and asked my mother if she heard about it – she always watches the news – and she didn't know anything about it.

They told us that after May 1st we wouldn't make any more combat missions, so everybody was happy, you know, we were partying all the time. So what they did, after May 1st, they just sent us back out and started calling them reinforcement missions. They just changed the name and sent us back out.

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Angry: What's going on over there in the G.I. movement?

Joe: I was with the 173rd airborne over there. We started a thing called get together. We had a patch made up. It's a white and black fist crossed. We all get along – there's no trouble.

Angry: How did get together get together?

Joe: Well, me and 2 other brothers were talking about how we were fightin the Vietnamese and fightin the lifers and fightin each other, so finally everybody became friends and we started having meetings. They started breaking up our meetings, but we kept having them. They started throwing tear gas in our meetings and some kind of smoke. They'd do anything to break it up. But we kept having them. And – that's when the lifers started gettin fragged, you know, and so we got to have our meetings. And just recently they tried to stop them again, and 2 First Sargents were killed – so when I left they were having meetings again.

Angry: That patch is really nice – it says "2 shades of soul." It would be nice to have one that said "3 shades of soul" and add a Vietnamese fist in the middle. You know, we met with the Vietnamese, and for me it was really hard to talk to them when I first met them. I mean, knowing the destruction that's going on over there. But they kept saying they understand, that their enemy is not the people of America. They are at war with the Generals, lifers, and mainly the rich American businessmen.

Joe: Yeah, I was walkin point one time in November, and I'd just been in the country a month, and I seen about 16 V.C. and I shot them the peace sign and they shot me the peace sign back and they kept on walkin.

Angry: I've heard a lot of stories like that.

Joe: Yeah, lotta times. We'd been out there and our lieutenant had been wounded, we didn't have any bad lifers with us. They were all in the rear. We'd been drinking. You just can't manouver when you're drinking. So – we were sitting there pretty much on our own and we heard somebody yell. I said who is it and they said V.C., and 2 of 'em walked up and they sat right in our camp and they got high with us all night.

Angry: I have a friend that was over there and he real hated the war and he heard this rumor that they really weren't into shootin the regular men, they were into gettin the officers. So he was up front and he saw V.C. comin. The V.C. were tryin to check out what was what. So my friend goes to salute, but that would be too obvious of a set up, so my friend starts to salute and instead pushed his hair back, but the officer thought it was a salute and it's like a reflex, he answered it, and the V. C. got the message and that lifer didn't live much longer.

Joe: We were out where we lost a lot of people, and our lst sargent company commander went down into a valley, and we started throwin' rocks over there and both of them got wounded.

Angry: One thing that blows my mind is that the people of Vietnam really believe in what they're fighting for. As little a country as it is, they continue to hold their own and make gains in spite of the planned destruction that the American government is attempting over there.

Joe: It's true – they're very patriotic.

Angry: All this must really blow your mind. It's easy to see why so many guys are strung out. Why do you think all this stuff about drugs is coming out now – the government seems so worked up about it?

Joe: There's been too much publicity about it so now they got to make it look like they are doing something about it. They're under pressure.

Angry: What kind of program is there?

Joe: Well, they're supposed to take a urine test before you leave and they watch you for 3 days and if you're on anything they're supposed to get you off. But I went thru the program three times. They start you on Methodone – and they don't have Methodone like they do in the states – they just have little tiny pills, and they don't give us enough. They keep us on for 3 days and then let us go. That's it. That much Methodone is not gonna keep you down so guys just keep firin' up – cause nobody's gonna cold turkey by choice. You can get the smack easy, all you have to do is walk out in front of the hospital and there it is. You can get the stuff inside the stockade – you buy it from the lifers and guards.

Angry: Well, the government's lies are being exposed on all levels now. The whole purpose of the war and what they're trying to do to the Indochinese people is very heavy, but they're also messing over the G.I.'s. Like from what you say they don't know what they're doing and they don't seem to care about the drug problem. Another thing is they said they wanted G.I.'s to turn themselves in if they are using drugs and that they wouldn't give them any hassle. They said they'd give guys an honorable discharge, but they're not.

Joe: Yeah, I got a dishonorable.

Angry: Have you shot up since you 've been back?

Joe: Yeah, the first day I got back I shot up a hundred dollar bag and didn't get off so I thought I'd better get on the Methodone program here.

Angry: What's happened to all the guys that come back with habits?

Joe: Well, I met a guy today down at the clinic, he's been back from Nam for over 2 years and he's just now goin on the program. He brought back about $4300 and it's all gone – in about three months it was all gone. He had a $350 a day habit and he had started robbing and stabbin' people and he started freaking out and he had to get off the stuff. He felt he should go to a hospital and not just get put on a program. I met another guy who's been waiting to get on the program for 8 months and he just got on today.

When I went to the Methodone program, I was in a real bad Jones. I was shaking all over. I had to go to the hospital the night before. I went to Veterans Research and I brought a letter with me showing I had been taking 80 grams of Methodone, but they gave me 10 anyway. So I just jonesed all night until some friends came the next day and took me to the program. And when I first came home I got to Seattle and I fell out at the airport. My heart was slowin' down. I was in bad shape. They took me to a hospital and the doctor said get him out of here, I don't want him dying here.

Angry: That's a great way to come home. It must have been like a slap in the face. I'm sure when you were over in Nam you remembered all the good things about being back home. But really, the same things are going on over here. Living conditions are getting worse, the dope scenes are getting heavier, there's still a lot of senseless racial fights between the people.

Joe: I've lived on the north side of Chicago most of my life. I came back from Nam and in most neighborhoods all there is is skag. My first night back I was walking near Belmont and Sheffield and a guy stopped me and offered me some skag. Right in the street. Now I never saw that around here before. It used to be psychedelics and grass but the syndicate is pushin' skag now. Over near one park you know they just got 5 pounds of heroin – free. It seems like the whole world is up to dope. everything's different.

Angry: You know the revolution is really counting on ex-G.I.'s like you. You've been thru so much and you understand a lot about what's going on. It would be great if you could get it together here like you got it together in Nam.

Joe: Yeah, some of us got together when we left Ft. Lewis after we came back and we burned our uniforms and threw our medals back and left. Those are the guys that are gonna do something.

RIGHT ON!

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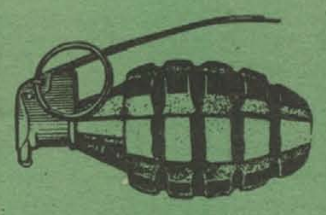

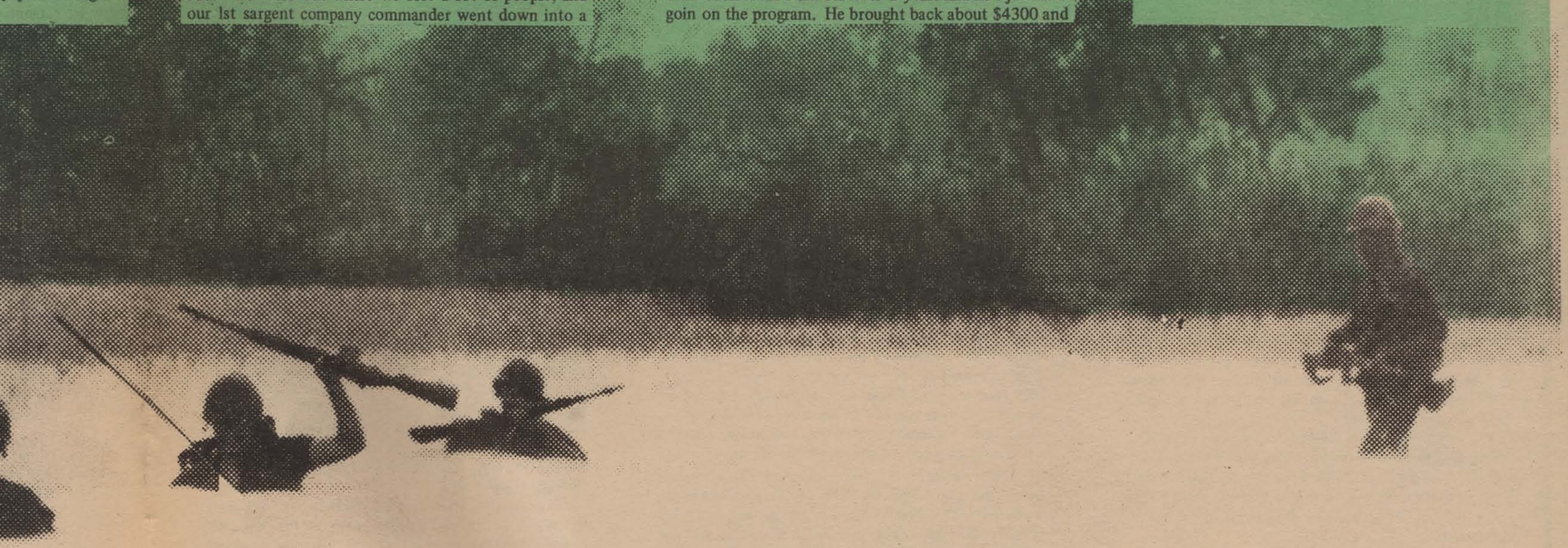

TO LOVE WE MUST FIGHT!

N.Y. LORDS FIGHT PIGS

YOUNG LORD'S PARTY

Every year in New York, there is a Puerto Rico Day Parade. It's always led by groups such as Puerto Rican firemen, policemen, cub scouts, etc; groups that are basically working for the establishment and are trying to keep things under control. Most of the people in the Puerto Rican community are oppressed and exploited people. They live in substandard housing and receive no medical care, are brutalized by police and receive poor or no education - in general are not treated as citizens. For these reasons most of the people living in the Puerto Rican ghetto don't consider themselves 'American' because they are treated as colonized people. The parade, however, doesn't represent the feelings of the community. It represents the feelings of the U. S. government. They have fancy floats sponsored by big businesses to make it look like they are friends of the community. The average people are forced to march in the rear and the parade doesn't even go through the Puerto Rican community.

This year, things were different. Oppressed people from the community led by the Young Lords Party, decided to march in front under the slogan "Free Puerto Rico". Two thousand beautiful brothers and sisters of all ages met in front of the march. They were the real representatives of the community.

Before the people could even get the march under way the New York City Pig Department attacked. They used all white pigs because they figured that Puerto Rican pigs wouldn't want to be as vicious and brutal as the racist white pigs. The fascists attacked and brutally beat anyone that they could catch. Old people and small children were beaten as quickly as the brothers and sisters who righteously fought back.

From now on, the people will not allow the government to say who should represent the community. The people will not allow the government to say what the Puerto Rican people want. The government wants to exploit people - the people want freedom. The government wants Puerto Rico to be a colony - the people want a Free Puerto Rico.

FREE PUERTO RICO NOW!
POWER TO THE YOUNG LORDS PARTY

young lords party, right on!

BALTIMORE RULERS CONTINUE TRYING TO AXE REVOLUTION

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In Baltimore, Maryland, there is an organization serving the people known as Mother Jones. The sisters and brothers of Mother Jones serve the people with a liberation school, and Free Lunch for Children Program, and they publish a community newsletter for the poor and working white community of S.W. Baltimore. Mother Jones also runs a print shop, printing revolutionary literature for many groups in Maryland, including the Black Panther Party.

On Friday, June 25, at 2:10 a.m., Baltimore pigs sledge hammered in the door of one of the buildings where Mother Jones people live. They didn't knock. The building was surrounded by pigs with shotguns. Inside they did their best to destroy the house, with special emphasis on the printing press. They took some guns and ammunition, all of which was legal. They planted narcotics.

Five people were busted, on charges including drugs, and keeping a disorderly house, 23 counts in all, with bond set at $1000 a count, $23,000 in all. The busts came on the same day that the pigs carried out a rash of indiscriminate drug busts in the black community.

The sisters and brothers are out now, back with their people in the community, serving the people. For more information, contact Mother Jones, 1923 W. Frederick, Baltimore, Maryland.

POWER TO MOTHER JONES
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

2. PIGS ATTEMPT TO LEGALLY MURDER LAWYER

Arthur Turco, a white lawyer, has been held in Baltimore City Jail without bail since June 14. He is charged with "accessory before the fact" in the murder of Eugene Anderson. Police say that Turco and 17 Black Panther Party members killed Eugene Anderson in July 1969 because they suspected Anderson of being a trick.

Two people have already been tried in this case: Irving "Ochiki" Young was convicted of first degree murder, and Charles Wyche, who was accused of actually shooting Anderson, was acquitted. After Wyche's acquittal, the state dropped charges against 6 people and drastically reduced the charges against the rest. leaving Turco the only person with the original capital charges.

The actual charges are ridiculous. No white person is in the Black Panther Party and no white person tells the Party what to do. But Turco is accused of ordering the Panthers to murder Anderson. The real reason that the pigs want Turco off the set is because he is a white lawyer who defended the Panthers.

While in jail, Turco has become a true people's lawyer. He has been teaching law to the other inmates and filing motions in their behalf. So when there was a rebellion in Baltimore City Jail on February 17, the brothers chose Turco to meet with the pigs to negotiate for their demands. For this Turco was thrown into 24-hour lock-up. Anyone who tried to speak to him was put in isolation. He was denied food until he went into shock, and he was denied visits and commissary privileges for 60 days.

But none of this has dampened Turco's spirit. When the trial began on June 14, Turco and his co-attorneys, including William Kunstler, began an aggressive defense. They plan to show it was the pigs who murdered Anderson and the charges against Turco are part of a nation-wide crackdown on the Black Panther Party and its supporters.

Arthur Turco is guilty of nothing except being a people's lawyer.

FREE ARTHUR TURCO!
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

Super Sleuths

FULLERTON & PULASKI

One hot night a bunch of the brothers and sisters from the neighborhood were sitting around getting high. No one was doing anything rowdy, just rapping, cooling down and catching a buzz. When we were all feeling mellow, we went over to Lin Pio Park, commonly known as American Decal Company's lawn. Now dig this - we weren't even drinking then - just sitting on the lawn.

All of a sudden, out of the bushes, come these 2 figures carrying lanterns. They caught us -- sitting on the lawn. Far out! Super Sleuths! They turned out to be detectives from Shakespeare. Not taking them too seriously, we didn't jump when they ordered us too. So, they grabbed one of the brothers (who had expressed his opinion of them. They rounded us all up and took us down to the pig pen for further questioning. "What were you sitting on the lawn for?" They eventually cut us all loose - except one brother who they charged with disorderly and resisting.

The whole thing was so bogus that it's almost unbelievable. The only thing that makes it believable is that it happens all the time. Because we're young and we're together, the pigs constantly harrass us!
FREE THE LIN PIO PARK ONE!!

STRIKE

"GUERRILLA WARFARE AGAINST THE RICH REPUBLICAN COMMUTERS"

On Monday morning, June 7th, 27 of the 29 moveable bridges that connect New York's five boroughs were out of commission. Heavy trucks blocked the city's expressways in eight places. The bridges were raised and then jammed by the bridge-tenders, Teamster members who are supporting a strike by 120,000 state, county and municipal government workers. The strikers are demanding a better pension plan. In other words - they're fighting for survival.

"This is guerrilla warfare against the rich Republican commuters," said a Teamster spokesman. "We'll have to study Mao...use hit and run tactics. It's not just the pension. New York is an occupied city and we have to fight back...we're with the poor, the blacks and Puerto Ricans."

A representative of the government workers said "Governor Rockefeller needs to be reminded that we are made of sterner stuff than the people of Czechoslovakia and Austria who caved in so easily to Hitler three decades ago."

The strike was a people's strike. The subways were not stopped because the regular people are forced to use them for transportation. One of the few bridges left open is one connecting Welfare Island (site of a large hospital) to the mainland.

"Unlike Rockefeller," said a union official, "we do not wage war on the sick and infirm."

The striking workers have promised to escalate the struggle if their demands are not met. Right on!
POWER TO THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS!

So-called Treason

Dear Rising Up Angry,

Last summer a brother named Mark Jahr was busted on a Paterson, New Jersey streetcorner while he was passing out some literature on Legal Self-Defense. The pigs confiscated the literature along with a copy of Angry which he had in his possession.

The pigs must have really dug the Angry because they showed it to a grand jury which indicted Mark for 'criminal libel'. The libel charge was based on the fact that Angry (a paper he has nothing to do with, other than the fact that he digs it) used the word 'pig' referring to police. This charge was dropped later and another grand jury decided that Mark was guilty of (get this) "TREASON" (3 counts in all).

Later, he was also indicted on two counts of something like "inciting personal violence". All of this, by the way, stemmed from what Angry stated in that particular issue.

Altogether Mark faced a maximum of 35 years in the pen. In the past couple weeks, all the "treason" charges have been dropped but the "personal violence" charges have stuck. A trial date has not yet been set.

We really dig what you're doing out there. Keep up the good work. Each issue of Angry gets better.
POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
Joe
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

A NEW PEOPLES O

Revolution is a process that changes the wretched conditions under which millions of people are forced to live. During theis process relationships between the people and the rulers are changed--the people continually getting stronger and the rulers continually getting weaker. The relationships between the people themselves---sisters and brothers of all colors and all countries---blossom to higher and higher levels of human understanding, devotion, beauty and love.

Revolutions are not made by handfuls of individuals; they are made by the collective efforts and struggle of the unified millions of people. In the last year many people throughout the city and the country have stepped forward to express interest, support and a desire to take a hand in this revolutionary process. We know that no task, including transforming fascist America into a nice place to live, is too difficult for people who are resolved to do it! And we know that what is not completed by our generation will be completed by the next.

Because so many brothers and sisters want to do revolutionary work there needs to be an organization to coordinate and direct this revolutionary energy. So RISING UP ANGRY has helped start a new peoples organization that anyone can join. This organization has been called FRIENDS OF ANGRY . FRIENDS OF ANGRY is only a temporary name until the people who join can choose their own name. (So anyone who has any suggestions for the name should send them in.)

WHAT DOES THE NEW ORGANIZATION DO?

Members of this new organization will work in many ways to build the revolutionary struggle here in America and to make our contribution to the worldwide revolution. FOA members will go to regular educational meetings which will cover things such as GI's, Vets and the War, what to do in your neighborhood and schools, the relationship between sisters and brothers, drugs, pigs, and other revolutionary organizations. Members will set up rap groups with their friends from the neighborhood, school or job, and will distribute Rising Up Angry leaflets, and other revolutionary information and ideas. Members can join a Serve The People program, such as the Legal, Lakeview, Sisters and Free Peoples Health Clinic. FOA will help build these peoples programs and will defend them when they are attacked such as the city's attempt to close the Free Peoples Health Cl Another thing members will do is set up and run the Peoples Dances.

The organization as a whole will participate in strations (against the war, in support of the Vietn Veterans Against the War, the Chicago Indian Vill the Black Panther Party's survival week, in suppor the Attica rebellion, free all political prisoner rallie Cairo, Women's Liberation, etc.,) , and we will ho own demonstrations. MOst importantly, members this new peoples organization will work among the people everywhere, educating the people, unifying people, and struggling against the rulers and all the hired agents.

Everything the organization does will be based three points: (I) education, (2) unity, and (3) stru What do each of these points mean?

EDUCATION

Revolutionary education is necessary to encoura and help all our brothers and sisteres understand: revolution is necessary and must be made , why c won't happen otherwise; why everyone should joi the effort to build the new man, new woman and world; and why the forces of the world's revolution people will win against the forces of fascism curren led by Nixon and his gang of bombers. The first jo of education is to understand and expalin what the principles of the new organization are (see below).

UNITY

Building unity among the people is a major task revolutionary people must commit themselves to. rulers maintain their position of control and domina not through force alone, but through the dividing a conquering of different groups of people that make the whole. The pigs use racism, and sexism to keep people divided. 1972 is the YEAR OF UNITY; it year in which we will all work hard developing goo vibes and understanding between all the sisters and thers everywhere. By striking strong roots and ties mong all the people we will build the collective strength to move foreward to victory. From Attica heard and we learned: "Oppressed people all over t world, we got the solution and the solution is Unit

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STRUGGLE

Revolution is more than understanding, it is more than good hearts and minds. It is the committtment to struggle for change, the transforming of noble ideas into concrete action. Things do not change by osmosis! They change because people decide to make them change, to struggle against those pigs and institutions that create and maintain the misery under which so many of us live.

WHO CAN JOIN?

All concerned brothers and sisters from all places and scenes can join and participate. People will come together, share their experiences and ideas, and work together. The only requirement is that you pay $1.00 and support the following statement:

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We are members of FRIENDS OF ANGRY because we believe that only through revolution will we be able to solve the problems in the U.S. and the World today. Therefore, we are committed to:

★ Fight against any form of injustice or exploitation, whether on the streets, in the schools, in the courts, in the military, on the job or in our homes.

★ Fight for the freedom of all people--Blacks, Latins, Asian-Americans, native Americans and poor and working whites. Thus, we will fight against racism wherever it exists, by educating our brothers and sisters, cooling out tensions, and building unity wherever we can.

★ Fight for the liberation of women as we respect our sisters' struggle for equality and self-determination.

★ We also understand that our struggle is the same as the International struggle for liberation of the Vietnamese, Africans, Latin Americans and other anti-Imperialist people. END THE WAR NOW!

With our hearts, our minds and our bodies, we will fight for ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

OWER TO THE SISTERS AND BROTHERS WHO LOVE
THE PEOPLE AND FIGHT THE REAL ENEMY!

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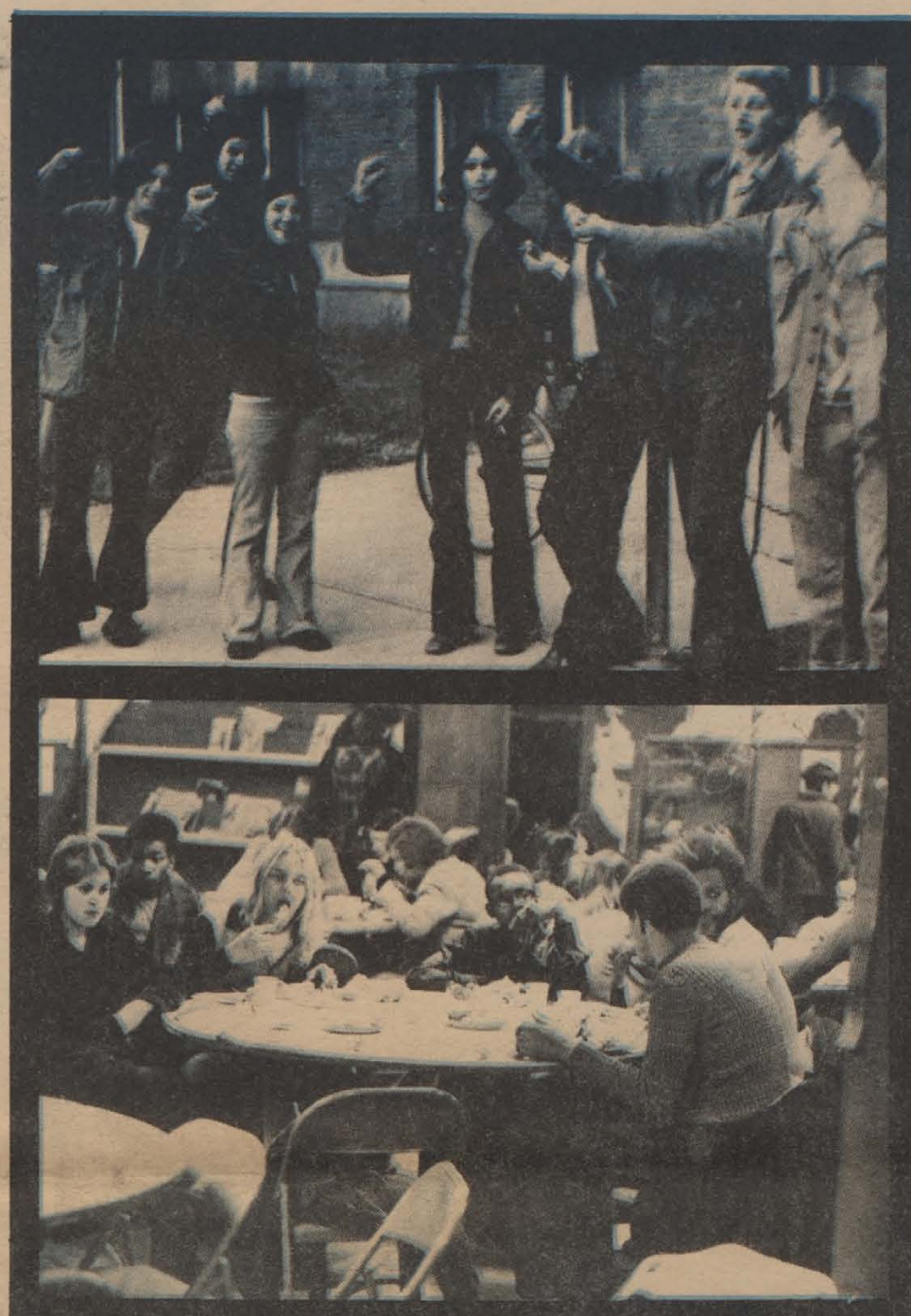

FRIENDS OF ANGRY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Special instructions for contacting you (do we have to be cool?)

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School, neighborhood, place of work, military base, etc.-----

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I want to work on: Legal--- Outreach (in schools and neighborhoods)---

Lakeview ((housing, welfare, medical, etc.)--- Sisters---

Newspaper: production---; distribution---; selling----

Other ways I can Help----------

Hours and days I can work----------

Do you want to set up a rap group in your school, neighborhood, factory, etc.----------

NIXON: MURDERER OF THE YEAR

For his Christmas message to the American people Richard Nixon said that the "United States must seize the moment for peace". At the same time he authorized a murderous air assault on the people of Vietnam.

This year Nixon has tried to build the image of being a great peacemaker, a worldly statesman, and a charming diplomat. Beneath his public relations plastic cover, we know what he is. Nixon is a slimy, lying, murdering, sadistic fascist. Not since Hitler has the world seen genocide of the magnitude that Nixon is inflicting on the people of Indochina.

Three years ago the United States agreed to halt the bombing of North Vietnam and to open up talks in Paris. The last week of 1971 saw the United States unleash a vicous air attack on Vietnam that didn't even take a break for five days and in Paris there was a postponement of talks. Bombing is nothing new in North Vietnam even in the last three years. American planes have been bombing the Ho Chi Minh trail and certain areas of North Vietnam all along. But this is more than just some bombings. This was a full-scale air assault.

There is a force of over 350 planes in Vietnam. All 350 planes went into action in this mission of genocide. More than 1,000 tons of bombs were dropped daily.

Over the past three years (during the bombing halt) the Vietnamese have periodically shot down some of the planes that have been murdering them. They've taken the pilots as prisoners of war. They also fire at the reconnaissance planes that pick out bombing sites. Nixon, the murdering fascist, says that the new bombings are in retaliation for the Vietnamese shooting down the other bombers. Nixon also says that only military targets are being burned, blown up, and destroyed.

A hospital in Thanh Hoa, North Vietnam was not only bombed but low-flying planes shot machine-guns into the hospital. Other populated areas have been viciously attacked as has been happening for ten years.

Not only have the flying fascists been dropping over a thousand tons of bombs per day over the small country of Vietnam but these aren't just regular bombs. They've invented new bombs. These new and evil weapons of destruction are like those invented by the maniacal arch-fiend scientists in the comics. But these bombs are for real and they're killing real people. The air force is now using a bomb that kills and destroys everything within a radius of 3,280 feet. This is more than a square mile. If dropped on the north side of Chicago it would totally wipe out everything from Fullerton to Belmont between Ashland and Western. And that's just one bomb. They drop hundreds of these every day on populated areas. And these bombs are so powerful that those insane and sadistic Air Force officers call this bomb a "commando vault" and an "explosive bulldozer". A senior 7th Air Force officer said, "It's such a devastating weapon we hate to give it much publicity." Others said, "It's the next best thing to a nuke." Scientists who investigated the bomb said it "provides a concussive blast surpassed only by a nuclear bomb."

There's another new fascist invention. It's called the "smart" bomb. It's smart enough to murder people who are hiding in tunnels underground. It works with a laser beam that tracks down body heat and can turn corners and go into tunnels. This is supposed to be used against military targets but it works off body heat and kills people.

This is the way Nixon winds down a war. Since Nixon was elected he has escalated the war into Cambodia and Laos and renewed the bombing over North Vietnam to where it was in 1968. He is trying to blow North Vietnam off the face of the earth because the Vietnamese have shot down some planes that are bombing their people. What would happen, do you think, if the Vietnamese sent bombers and reconnaissance planes over the United States? Do you think that these planes would be shot down? What if San Francisco was bombed? Do you think that we would take that lightly? But Nixon, the murderer, thinks that the Vietnamese should accept enemy planes flying over their country, burning and destroying their land and killing their people.

The Vietnamese predicted that this would happen. The United States government said that there was a bombing halt. The Vietnamese knew better than to believe this. They've continued to build their defenses because they know that Nixon is a liar and a murderer.

Then, on top of all this, Bob Hope and other right wing idiots expect that the Vietnamese should be releasing the pilots that got caught. The people who run the prisons of Attica and Soledad are saying that the POW's are not being treated well enough. As North Vietnam is being bombed by everything short of nuclear weapons the Vietnamese are supposed to release the prisoners. If Nixon really cared about the GI's and the POW's he would have been out of Indochina a long time ago.

That's Nixon --- the great peacemaker. He closes down the negotiations in Paris. He expands the war into two new countries, Cambodia and Laos. He opens a full scale air attack on a small country that never fired one bullet at the territory of the United States. This is how a fascist winds down a war.

For those that didn't know already, they should completely understand now. NIXON LIES. NIXON MURDERS. Nixon can never be trusted. He is the enemy of the Vietnamese people. He is the enemy of the American people. He is the enemy of all freedom and peace - loving people throughout the world.

NIXON AND HIS FASCIST HENCHMEN SHOULD ROT IN HELL.

LONG LIVE THE STRUGGLE OF THE HEROIC VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.

GI'S TELL NO LIES

Power to the revolutionary G.I.'s!

"I am writing this letter to expose the army as it is. I am a G.I. organizer, still in the army and on my way to be used against oppressed people in Vietnam. The army tried to use me and my fellow comrades against our brothers and sisters who are oppressed here in the States, but we fought back, and as a result they figured they'd send me to a spot where you have no choice but to shoot or be shot."

This letter was sent to us from a brother who comes from the northwest side of Chicago. He's been in the army for 2 years. The kind of organizing he's been doing at Ft. Riley should be an example to all G.I.s as to what they can do to end the war and end the unjust system we all live under. The army's attempt to silence this brother by sending him to Nam won't work. Whenever a revolutionary goes anywhere, whether it's Ft. Riley, Nam or the stockade, the struggle will continue. Right on, Bro, we give you all our love, respect and support.

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For two years, at Ft. Riley, Kansas, I'd been working on organizing G.I.s to fight the brass by refusing to go to riots to put down Blacks, other third world people and peace demonstrators. We figured, if the outside got something going, it would be up to us in the army to support them by not going in the streets. So, we decided that by organizing hundreds of G.I.s not to follow orders, the brass wouldn't be able to do anything but give in.

A year ago, three brothers and myself got a committee together and started organizing an American Servicemens Union (ASU). We started off great and we got many members. Before long, ASU was a common word for G.I.s at Ft. Riley. The brass tried to ignore this, because they hated to admit ASU was on their base. After months of organizing, the brass come down on us in different ways; they told G.I.s the ASU was trying to take over the Fort; that we were all dope addicts with messed up minds; and they called us communists. The first words they thought of - they called us.

They tried to find out who was doing the organizing, but they couldn't. NCO's and officers tried to put down the rebellion in their small companies - but lost. Things began to happen like a chain reaction - like the camp re-up (re-enlistment) building was hit and it burned down, and one night a bomb was thrown through a Major's window. Bomb scares became common. Since ASU was organizing, everyone had the spirit. Small groups of G.I. revolutionaries would go out at night for guerrilla war.

We believed that G.I.s could win if they understood that the system we live under is a system of profit for the bosses, and that the armed forces are the bosses' tool, used exclusively to maintain the system. And we were right - because, trying to tell someone who has it made that the system is bad is hard - but, telling G.I.s who are oppressed, that have been to Nam, who have seen the army in action, is not hard.

As the spirit got high among the rebellious G.I.s and WACs at Riley, the brass made all kinds of plans against us, which failed. But then, around the beginning of December, they closed Ft. Riley. Military police guarded all the roads so noone went out and anyone who came in - stayed. Everyone was checked, we stood in lines guarded by officers and took off our shoes so they could see we weren't hiding any thing. They checked cars, our wall lockers, our beds - we were helpless. I was found with stacks of newspapers and leaflets, books and stickers, etc. The brass were really happy to find all of this, but later they were worried that there would be a rebellion because they found that everyone had newspapers and many had ASU membership cards. So they played their cool for two weeks, then they grabbed guys, including myself, and put us in one barracks to live. We were under guard and they harassed us constantly. We weren't allowed to see anyone or go anywhere.

All this was illegal, because they had no proof of us doing anything. But they "knew" we were guilty, so that was good enough for them. After a while, counselors started finding out what was going on and came down hard on the brass for this. ASU headquarters sent a protest to Melvin Laird and the Commanding General. The brass were shook up, so they gave me orders to go to Vietnam. I had one day to clear and get out. The other brothers were put on the new army drop (getting out early) so they were given clearing papers to leave also.

Even though most of our staff has left the movement at Riley, we'll still continue on. As Fred Hampton once said, "They can kill a revolutionary, but not the revolution!" During the time I was stationed at Riley, many brothers became aware that the army was a rich mans tool. We tried to show brothers and sisters that dope will get you nowhere. It only holds back your will power. The army didn't like this because they wanted the revolutionaries to take dope so they could bust them - or they would just o.d. The brass would even plant dope on G.I.s before inspections, to get brothers busted. We showed G.I.s the nature of racism and showed that as long as we were fighting each other, we were helping the brass. We told G.I.s not to desert or go AWOL, because it doesn't help. It doesn't stop the brass from using the army as they please. What they lose through desertions,

We will not be used by the capitalists to destroy people anywhere!

they make up on the next draft call. What really hurts are rebellions inside the army.

We taught our brothers that the bosses use the army in five main ways:

1) to put down rebellions of Black and Latin workers in the ghettos.

2) to put down rebellions of foreign workers, as in Vietnam, Cambodia, etc.

3) to break militant strikes here.

4) to suppress the anti-war movement.

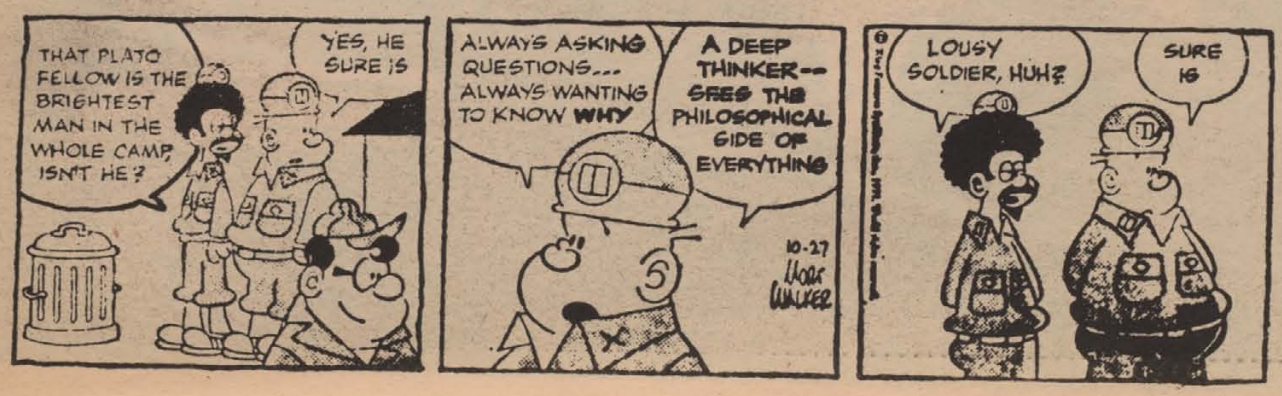
5) to get a better position in their rivalry with the bosses of other countries (like West Germany or Japan).

We were trying to show G.I.s that the Vietnam war boils down to one thing: profits. It's the old imperialist story once again: the Flag follows the dollar! Wages are $1.40 a day in Saigon (legal maximum). The Chase Manhattan bank has a branch in downtown Saigon and General Electric, Singer, International Harvester and Standard Oil all have plants in Vietnam and more are moving in. In South Korea, women are paid $32 a month for their work in the Motorola plant there. Politicians talke about "preserving freedom and democracy" in South East Asia, or "securing a just peace" - but they mean securing more dollars for giant corporations and banks which run the U. S. empire.

The Vietnamese people are fighting back with the most powerful weapon working people have: people's war. The essence of people's war is class struggle, a massive long-term mobilization of workers and peasants fighting against foreign and local bosses. Bosses rely on money and superior firepower. People rely on unity and years of experience against their enemies. Without a military apparatus, bosses wouldn't be able to keep workers down. Our aim should be to weaken the bosses tool - the U.S. Army.

-a brother

POWER TO THE REVOLUTIONARY G.I.S!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AMERICAN HISTORY
the Sacco and Vanzetti case
TWO ITALIAN WORKERS FRAMED AND MURDERED

The United States government claims to give justice to all equally. It tries to cover up and hide the oppression and exploitation that most people face every day. But there can be no justice and democracy, no equality, between the people and the rulers, between the workers and the bosses, the oppressed and the oppressor, the exploited and exploiter. Super-pigs like Johnson can say "we shall overcome," and Nixon can flash the V sign, but they are the enemy. The enemy's smile dissappears, and he is viscious and brutal, attempting to destroy the forces of the people that rise up to challenge fascist rule. This is proven by history.

Take the case of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti. These brothers were both radical Italian immigrant workers. They were active in the labor struggles during the early part of this century. Because they were foreign-born workers, who became leaders of the workers movement, they were arrested, framed, tried and murdered by the ruling class.

What were the conditions that led them to become radicals, and why were they framed? During the first part of the 1900's the majority of the work force was immigrants, or children of foreign born such as Irish, Italian, Poles, Chinese, and others. In 1920, in coal, steel, clothing, metal mining, the marine industry, and other manufacturing 13 million workers were immigrants and 30 million were the kids of the foreign born. These immigrants did the worst work and had the hardest jobs, with the exception of Black people. Foreign born and black workers received 1/2 the average wage that white native workers received. Many, of these immigrants were not "considered white(or right)": Italians were the first people called spics, and the Irish met signs "no Irish need apply."

Working conditions were horrible, and there were many strikes. The bosses and their government deported many people, trying to stop the radical workers movement. Those people they tried to deport were radicals who encouraged their fellow workers to wage cuts and anti-union campaigns. The government deported many working class leaders.

Nicola Sacco and Bartomeo Vanzetti both came to America in 1908, Sacco to Boston and Vanzetti to New York. Vanzetti worked first as a dishwasher, and later as a laborer in stone pits, as a steelworker, a railroad section hand, and in 1916 led a strike of 4,000 rope and twine workers in Plymouth, Massachusetts for better pay and better working conditions. Conditions were so bad at that time, husbands and wives would pass each other coming to and from night and day shift, and women earned a maximum of six dollars a week, and men nine. Vanzetti's leadership played an important part in the strike victory, but afterward he was blacklisted (couldn't get a job) and became a fish-peddler. He still continued to lead the workers and became even more active in radical activities.

Sacco was an expert shoe-cutter, known even to his boss as the "fastest edge-trimmer of the 3,000 who've passed through my factory door." In 1918 he was one of the leaders in a long shoe workers strike in the Boston area. Before that he had raised money and helped in the defense of two other Italian radicals, Ettor and Giovannitti, who were framed because of their activity in the great Lawrence textile strike of 1912.

On May 3, 1920 Andrea Salsedo, a printer, was busted in Brooklyn, New York on "suspicion of radicalism" fell to his death from the 11th floor of the United States Department of Justice office in New York (A fellow prisoner of Salsedo's, Robert Elia, also an Italian radical, was quickly deported). Salsedo was a friend of Vanzetti's. Sacco and Vanzetti began organizing a rally to protest the murder of Salsedo. It was to be held two days later, but it never happened. Instead, the two brothers were busted for "dangerous radical activities", and then once in the clutches of the fascist, found themselves charged with a payroll robbery and murder of two guards. Vanzetti was also charged with another payroll attempt for which he was tried and found guilty in order to give him a conviction so that he had a record for the upcoming murder trial. During this first trial the judge (the same to later convict them in the murder rap) said: "This man, although he may not have actually committed the crime attributed to him, is nevertheless morally culpable, because he is the enemy of our existing institutions."

Sacco and Vanzetti went to trial in chains, under heavy guard, and were place in a cage. The judge was prejudiced against Sacco and Vanzetti. He called the defendants "slackers" for having refused military service during the Imperialist's First World War. He played upon the anti-radical, anti-labor, anti-Italian sentiments of the pro-prosecution jury, whose foreman was a former chief of police who face the flag each morning and gave a military salute. The prosecution witnesses included a woman who received a job in exchange for her testimony, and another was an "eyewitness" who was a fugitive from another state and gave testimony under a phony name.

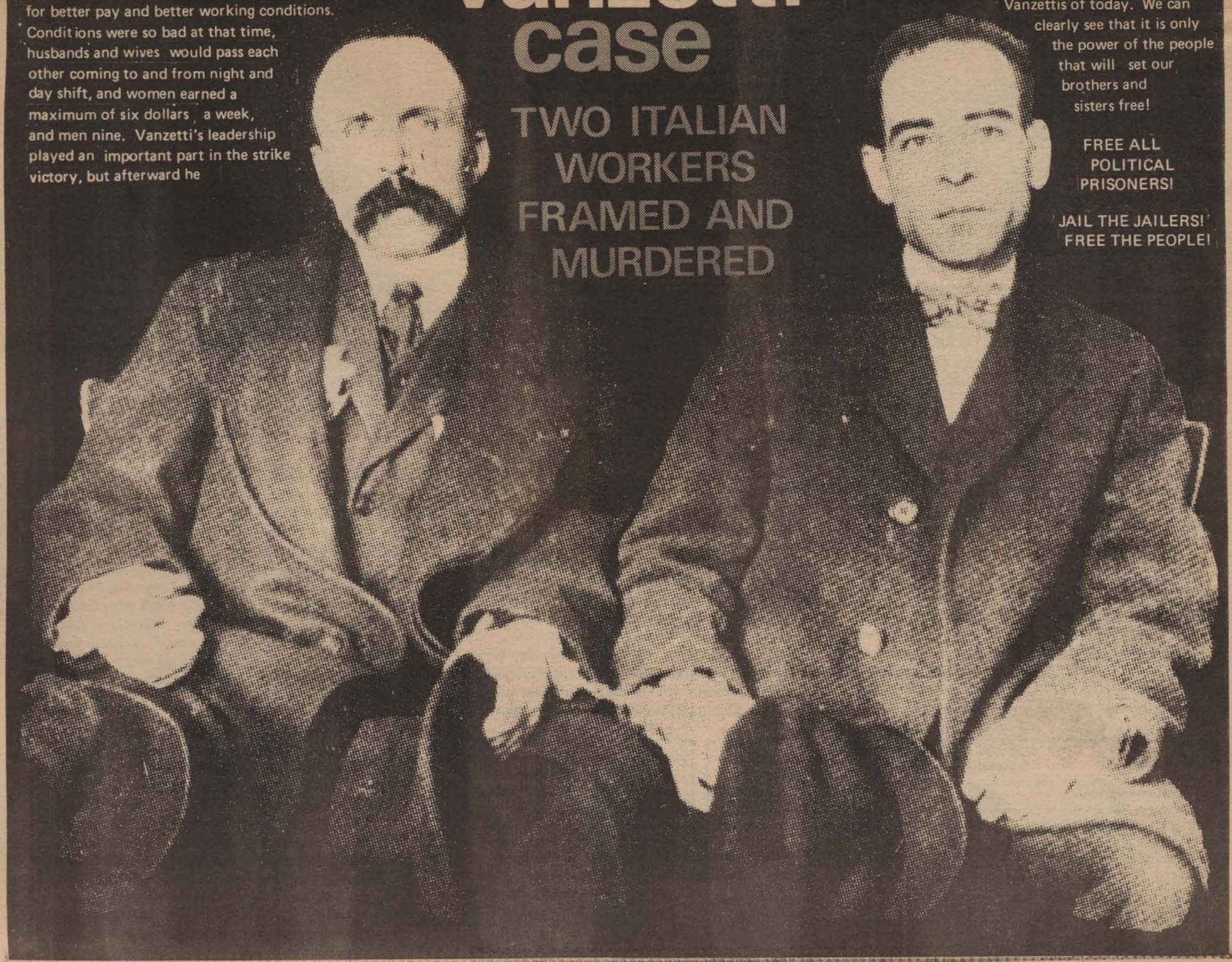
The whole case was a blatent set-up. Even before Sacco and Vanzetti's execution, two agents from the Department of Justice testified that the entire case was put together by the district attorney and the Department of Justice to get rid of Sacco and Vanzetti because of their radical activities. The exposure of the conspiracy to murder Sacco and Vanzetti did not alter the decision of the ruling class to ahead with the execution. Neither did the confession of a prisoner who admitted that he was the one who committed the robbery and murder.

Attempts to appeal, reverse the decison, and halt the execution went on for seven years. The case became the focus of millions throughout the world, and millions participated in demonstrations trying to stop the execution. None of these demonstrations, appeals or admissions affected the decision of the pigs. They agreed to go ahead with the murder, and Sacco and Vanzetti were put to death in the electric chair on August 23, 1927.

Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were not the first radical workers to be murdered, and unfortunately they won't be the last. In their time they became a symbol to the world about American-Capitalist so-called "justice." They proved then what is true today, that in America there is one law for the people, and another for the rich. Angela Davis, George Jackson, and all the political prisoners are the Saccos and Vanzettis of today. We can clearly see that it is only the power of the people that will set our brothers and sisters free!

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

JAIL THE JAILERS! FREE THE PEOPLE!



BLACK LUNG

THE COAL MINERS FIGHT BACK

Black Lung Association meeting in one of many BLA chapters throughout the coal mine areas of Appalachia.

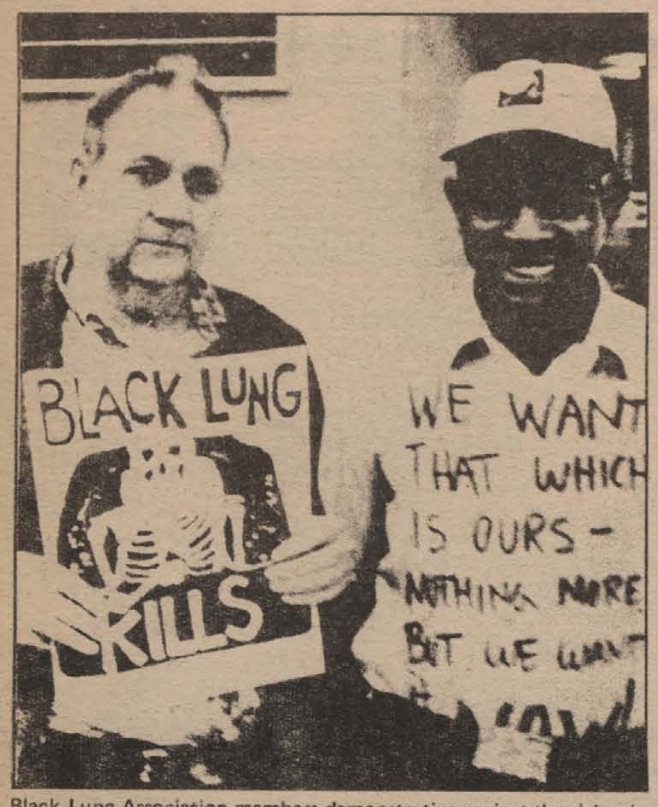
We talk about how there are two legal systems in this country; one for the rich and one for the poor. The same thing goes for medical care -- if you're rich, you have your choice of many fancy doctors, but if you're a working or poor person, the story is different. You get 3rd rate care and often none. Besides the bad medical care for low income people, there is another problem: the dangerous health and safety conditions that workers must spend lives facing on the job.

One of the most dangerous working conditions exist for the 450,000 coal miners in this country. Not only are there many mining accidents (100,000 miners have died on the job since 1900) but miners also face lung diseases caused by the high levels of coal dust they breathe. One of these diseases is called Black Lung. Black Lung (or "coal workers pneumoconiosis" - CWP) can, in extreme cases, in as little as 5 years, leave a miner choking for breath, blue from lack of oxygen and disabled and doomed to an early death.

And Black Lung is only one of many lung diseases caused by the bad working conditions. Others are bronchitus, emphysema, enlarged heart, heart attacks, and some doctors believe, a greater risk of TB and cancer. A miner can have 2, 3, or 4 lung diseases at one time.

Black Lung is caused as the coal dust settles in the lungs, closing off the air sacs and blood vessels, which then can't work well (taking the oxygen from the air into the blood stream). This leaves the victim gasping for breath, even though air is going in and out of his lungs. There is no real medical treatment for Black Lung. The only thing that can be done is prevention - reducing the amount of dust in the mines.

For generations, the miners have fought the powerful coal industry, which owned all the land, made enormous profits, fought every bit of progress for the miners, and actually owned most of the stores, doctors, homes, and ran the governments in the area and there wasn't much else you could do but be a miner. Out of their struggle, the miners formed the United Mine Workers Union. However, over the years the union leaders have quit being responsible to the miners that make up the membership.



Black Lung Association members demonstrating against the rich mine owners, corrupt union leaders, and the social security administration.

So, once again, the miners are struggling. This time, against not only the powerful coal industry, but also against their union "leaders" who have turned their backs on the workers. (Jock Yablonski, the rank and file Union candidate in 1960, was assasinated for fighting on the people's side.) The coal industry has mechanized the mines, causing two serious conditions. The first is more unemployment and, therefore, many miners are forced to work in non-union un-safe mines where they can be fired and replaced if they disagree with the owners. Second, the new and more profitable methods create worse health and safety conditions for the workers. For instance, the new machines produce more dust than the old pick and shovel method. A man who enters the mines at 20 has a 25% risk of death from an accident or Black Lung. Dr. Rasmussen, of the Appalachian Regional Hospital, says there will be a rising tide of Black Lung in the future.

In 1968, 78 miners died in Farmington, West Virginia, in a mine explosian. This gave a fiercer push to the miners' struggle. The Black Lung Association was started in 1968 in West Virginia. In February of 1969, a wildcat strike was set off at Windey Gulf Mine. Within 5 days, 42,000 of the 44,000 miners in W. Virginia, were on strike. After 23 days, a bill was passed by the governor. The victorious Association moved to press for what eventually became the 1969 Coal Miners Health and Safety Act. Another strike followed in the summer of 1970, called by the Disabled Miners of West Virginia. 200,000 miners went on strike in W. Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania, to demand that the Union quit reducing their medical benefits and pensions from their own Union welfare fund. This strike was defeated, but the struggle had advanced within the union.

The 1969 Coal Mine Health and Safety Act sets manditory standards. The law calls for 1,000 inspectors and supervisors and gives them the right to shut down mines that fail to cme up to the standards. The law sets the limit for the amount of coal dust allowed - 3.0 milligrams per cubic meter of air, (lowered to 2.0 in 1973). It also allows for free periodic chest x-rays to determine disability due to Black Lung, and most important, disability is granted to miners and widows who need it because of Black Lung. The coal industry and Nixon, who threatened to veto the bill, fought this law at every step of the way. After the bill was passed, the law was supposed to be enforced by the Bureau of Mines, which has been charged with heavy ties to coal mine owners. The bureau had to be sued before they would publish the details of the safety requirements. The Bureau has never gotten together an inspection manual or the 1,000 inspectors. For 5,000 mines there are only 251 inspectors. One thing they did did do, was to hire Nixon's public relations man, Harry Treleaven, at $250,000 to start a campaign preaching that the key to the dangers in the mine is the miner's own carelessness - not the company's headlong drive for profit.

As far as Black Lung Compensation went, 286,000 claims came in by April 30, 1971. An average of 58% were turned down, with 78% turned down in Kentucky. The reason Kentucky is so much higher seemed to be the fact that they have no facilities for tests - so people are referred to private hospitals and doctors who usually have company ties.

The Black Lung Compensation program is being handled led by the Social Security administration, and here is where the problem lies. To qualify for the benefits, a miner can either have a chest x-ray or a breathing test, or take a slice from his lung. A widow has to have had an autopsy of her miner husband. According to Dr. Rassmussen (who examined about 4,000 miners) neither test shows much about disability due to Black Lung. A test called the blood gas test, that shows how much oxygen the person is really getting, is a more reliable test - but the Social Security people seldom use this and don't inform miners of their right to this test, their right to have their own doctors do the test and if they are turned down by Socail Securtiy, their right to appeal. They also have to prove they are too disabled for any other type of work - although not much of any other type of work is around.

Recently, a report leaked out the Kentucky miners were still breathing an average of 14 times the acceptable dust level - and in some mines the dust level was 67 times over. If the law was enforced, it would shut down ¾ of the mines in Kentucky. One Kentucky coal operator stated, "If we hired all the men we really need for health and safety purposes, our output would probably go down to 4 or 5 tons per man a day. (The average is 15.5 tons per man a day now.) Of course, at that level we could never make a profit."

Coal mines all across West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky cause death and disease for thousands of men who work in them.

They made a profit though. 1970 was the best year since 1964 for the owners, and the miners death toll increased to 200 deaths and over 10,000 injuries.

The miners are taking action into their own hands, by wildcatting, making demands, bringing up lawsuits, and by organizing themselves. 14 or more new local chapters of the Black Lung Association have opened. The BLA joined with other angry miners to form the Workers Alliance for Fair Compensation. These groups include both union, non-union, white, Black and retired and active miners. They are fighting together with welfare organizations against the huge coal companies that rule Appalachia.

THE LARGEST COAL-MINING REGION IN THE UNITED STATES IS APPALACHIA, THE MOUNTAIN PART OF THIRTEEN STATES: WEST VIRGINIA, VIRGINIA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, MARYLAND, ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI, GEORGIA, AND NEW YORK. BESIDES THE CAPITALS OF THESE STATES, APPALACHIA IS RULED FROM TWO OTHER CITIES OUTSIDE THE MOUNTAINS: NEW YORK AND PITTSBURGH. THIS IS WHERE THE COAL COMPANIES AND THEIR BANKS HAVE THEIR HEADQUARTERS.

BECAUSE OF THE DEGREE OF CONTROL WHICH IS EXERCISED BY NON-APPALACHIANS OVER THE PEOPLE IN THE REGION, THE BEST SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION IS "RICH LAND, POOR PEOPLE". IN MANY WAYS, APPALACHIA RESEMBLES A COLONY.

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